for Indian agricultural commodities. NIAM, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation and USAID for the United States Government intend to collaborate and cooperate under this agreement through the Joint Working Group. Each Party to this agreement will bear its own expenses for activities on which the Parties collaborate.

The duration of this agreement is for three years from the date of signature, subject to extension or early termination by the Parties upon 90 days written notice to the other Party.

Estimates of Production

1806. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of major agricultural commodities during the year 2006-07; and

(b) the actual production during the preceding year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Sowing activity for the crop year 2006-07 has just been in motion. The 1st advance estimates of production of major kharif crops for the year 2006-07 would emerge in September/October 2006.

(b) The production data of major agricultural commodities during the year 2005-06 as per the 4th advance estimates released on 15th July 2006 are given in the table below:

Production of major agricultural commodities during 2005-06 as per the 4th Advance Estimates

Crop	Production (Million Tonnes)	Crop	Production (Million Tonnes)
Rice	91.04	Total Foodgrains	208.30
Wheat	69.48	Groundnut	7.87
Jowar	7.97	Rapeseed & Mustard	7.89
Bajra	7.66	Soyabean	8.35
Maize	15.09	Total Oilseeds	27.73
Total Coarse Cereals	34.67	Cotton*	19.57

*Production in million bales of 170 kgs. each.

Crop	Production (Million Tonnes)	Crop	Production (Million Tonnes)
Tur	2.57	Sugarcane	278.39
Gram	5.65	Jute & mesta #	10.75
Total Pulses	13.11		

#Production in million bales of 180 kgs. each.

Drought relief to Madhya Pradesh

†1807. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to Madhya Pradesh as a drought relief measure during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the names of the drought-hit districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the names of other States alongwith respective amount provided to them as drought relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not reported drought during 2005-06 and so far during 2006-07.

(c) During the year 2006-07, no State has so far reported drought. In the year 2005-06, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal reported drought. Central assistance approved to these States is as under:

State	Assistance from NCCF (Rs. in crores)	Foodgrains for Relief employment (lakh MTs)
Jharkhand	107.37*	0.20
Rajasthan	146.50*	2.00
Uttaranchal	38.99*	0.10

NCCF—National Calamity Contingency Fund

*Subject to adjustment of available balances in Calamity Relief Fund of the State.

Himachal Pradesh recently reported that drought situation was experienced during Rabi 2005-06 due to long dry spell and submitted a

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.